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FISH PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is decline in catching of fish in the Indian seas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve fish production?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) There was a slight decline in marine fish production during 2000-01 over the previous year. However, the subsequent year has shown a trend of recovery as per figures furnished below:

Year	Marine fish production (Lakh metric tonnes)
1999-2000	28.52
2000-2001	28.10
2001-2002	28.30

(c) Optimum utilisation of the oceanic resources, augmenting aquaculture and sustainable development of coastal marine resources are the steps identified to improve fish production.